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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class		Thousand	head	
Broiler/fryer	154,406	(2)		152,212
Light hens	1,727			1,552
Heavy hens	1,533			1,448

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-2012 (THOUSAND HEAD)

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	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	401	0	401
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	289	0	289
Same week yr ago	0	0	0
To-date/2012*	12,766	36	12,802
To-date/2011*	15 , 779	439	16,218

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. and CANADA

Head	Light Hens 1,945	Heavy Hens 1,131	Total Hens 3,076
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	963	772	1,735
Same week yr ago	1,155	1,477	2,632
To-date/2012*	82,974	75 , 964	158,938
To-date/2011*	79,801	73,940	153,741

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
		Thousands			
Head	153,396	1,544	1,131	2 , 675	504
Avg Wt	5.94	3.44	8.16	5.44	6.79
Head sltr comparis	sons				
Last week	123,851	674	772	1,446	376
Same wk yr ag	148,055	1,155	1,477	2,632	429
Avg Wt	5.86	3.13	7.81	5.76	6.85
To-date/22*	7,297,968	**64 , 069**	75 , 928	146,136	19,871
To-date/2011	7,521,984	**57 , 103**	73,501	137,523	20,606

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.3 million head, or 10.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-2012

	A 4.25 lbs	B 4.26 -	C 6.26 -	D 7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	36,291	52,608	36,649	27,848	153,396
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.42	6.86	8.50	5.94
% of total /1	24%	34%	24%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	28,365	50,087	24,348	21,050	123,850
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.42	6.83	8.45	5.86
% of total /1	23%	20%	20%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	31,170	63,558	25,033	28,294	148,055
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.43	6.73	8.40	5.86
% of total /1	21%	43%	17%	19%	100%
To date/2012* To date/2011*	1,778,043	2,979,496	1,406,995	1,133,433	7,297,967
	1,720,483	3,222,339	1,444,015	1,135,147	7,521,984

^{/1} May not total to 100% due to rounding.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 01-Dec-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,806	2,712	58	6	4,582
Avg Wt	16.69	40.68	26.02	37.99	31.04
Head sltr comparis	ons				
Last week	933	1,648	35	0	2,616
Same wk yr ago	1,977	2,603	20	33	4,633
Avg Wt	16.60	38.21	29.42	30.62	28.90
To-date/2012*	88,369	124,815	1,352	344	214,880
To-date/2011*	90,024	123,873	1,063	396	215,356

^{*}Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.

^{/2} Comparable week.